

13. (original) A device for audiological screening of infants and newborns according to Claim 10, wherein the connection means for transmitting data includes:

- a. sending patient lists to the screener,
- b. updating or changing configuration information on the interconnected devices,
- c. transferring and installing new software on the screener,
- d. setting the real time clock of the screener, and/or
- e. transferring messages to the user, patient related, device related and service instructions

14. (original) A device for audiological screening of infants and newborns according to Claim 13, wherein the service-issues messages may be dependent on measurement results.

### **Remarks**

This Preliminary Amendment to the Specification and Claims is made to comply with the previous Examiner's requirements in the First Office Action dated 3/17/04 entered in the parent application to avoid his 35 USC Sec. 112 objections to the claim format and more particular point out applicant's invention. The amendment primarily deletes ambiguous phrases from the claims and adds no new subject matter. The objected to examples of elements performing the prescribed claim functions or providing examples of the elements referenced were deleted from the claims and left in the specification to insure that the interpretation of the claims was not limited to the examples cited. These revised claims therefore leave the objectionable material as supportive examples in the specification.

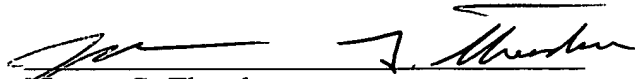
The description of the illustrated drawings added to the specification to provide a more detailed description of the drawings was taken from directly from the text of the drawings. Support for these specification amendments is therefore based on the text of the drawings and adds no new subject matter.

A spelling error in the specification was also corrected on page 10, line 23, by deleting "ia".

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is submitted at this time to expedite the updating of this dependent application to reflect those changes required in the parent

application, which directly affect this continuation-in-part application.

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I certify that I faxed a copy to the Group's central fax number 703-872-9306, and mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Second Preliminary Amendment to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, postage prepaid, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004.

